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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the working group responsible for the development of a statement of shared guiding principles, which is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to endorse the statement of shared guiding principles for geospatial information management, with a view to its being referred to the Economic and Social Council for adoption.

Summary of the report

At its fourth session, held in New York from 6 to 8 August 2014, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 4/107, in which it welcomed the report of the working group and endorsed its terms of reference and programme of activities. The Committee of Experts noted the strong consensus on the guiding principles among its members and encouraged Member States to continue to consider the recommended principles and to provide comments for the refinement and endorsement of the principles by the Committee. Furthermore, the Committee of Experts requested that the working group provide a final statement of shared guiding principles for endorsement at its next session.

The report describes the consultative process and the deliberations undertaken with Member States and geospatial experts since the fourth session to refine and revise the guiding principles. The final statement of shared guiding principles is contained in the report for endorsement by the Committee of Experts.

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